



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held February 14, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Chief Marc L. Klugman, Correctional Services Division, Chief Sammy L. Jones, Custody Operations Division, Commander Donald A. Rodriguez, Supervisor of Custodial Operations at Pitchess Detention Center, and Victor C. Rampulla, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Department, responded to questions posed by the Board relating to recent jail violence incidents.

Minister Tony Muhammad, Nation of Islam, Najee Ali, Project Islamic Hope, Bernard Samuel Sephos, Morris Griffin, and other interested parties also addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Requested the Sheriff to report back to the Board at the meeting of February 21, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. on the status of disturbances at the County jails; and
2. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Sheriff and report back to the Board within two weeks on the following:
  - The feasibility of expediting the backfilling of Twin Towers with high-level inmates, including consideration of temporarily closing less secure cells/dorms for purposes of shifting existing staff to Twin Towers, until additional staff are available;
  - The implementation of a bonus system (between \$1,000 to \$2,000) for staff who recruit qualified candidates that successfully complete the academy as per Supervisor Antonovich's motion of June 20, 2005 as well as other creative incentives for recruitment and retention purposes; and

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- A review of all of the civilian/administrative positions, identifying which of those are currently filled with sworn staff that can be filled with civilian staff, such as the 40 deputies performing station desk functions that may be performed by law enforcement technicians, and make recommendations as to how we may maximize and use our sworn staff more effectively.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“In June 2004, this Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back with a plan for developing a comprehensive facilities master plan for the jails. With the current situation in County jails as urgent as it has ever been, it is time to aggressively proceed with the Board’s prior directive.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back at the March 14, 2006 Board meeting with a plan to:

1. Assess the physical condition and operating capacity of each of the County’s custody facilities; and
2. With the Sheriff’s cooperation:
  - Classify each type of inmate by housing need, and quantify the current and projected population of each type of inmate; and
  - Determine the operational costs of housing each type of inmate at each existing facility;
3. Prepare a set of options and/or guidelines for altering or adding facilities to meet the needs of the County’s current and projected inmate population; and
4. Present to the Board for consideration a recommended plan with funding options for both operational and capital needs, to guide the County’s establishment, maintenance and use of custody facilities now and for the next 10 years.

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In addition, Supervisor Burke requested the Sheriff to report back to the Board on the status of the inmates who initially escalated the jail fights, and what, if any, disciplinary actions have been taken.

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